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REMARKS

This document is filed in reply to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005 ("Office Action"). The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-5, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Zaffaroni, U.S. Patent 3,993,073. See the Office Action, page 2, lines 8-9. In the sole interest of moving this case toward allowance, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-5, 8 and 9, and rewritten claims 10 and 17 in independent form.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the ground for rejection asserted by the Examiner has been rendered moot, and that claims 10, 12-14, and 16-19, as pending, define subject matter that is novel. On this basis, it is submitted that allowance of this application is proper, and early favorable action is solicited

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